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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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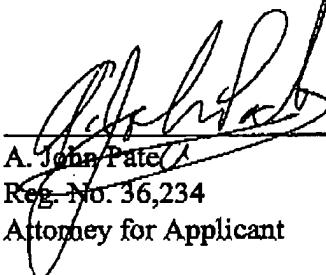
Sir:

Responsive to the communication from the examiner mailed July 30, 2004, Applicant hereby elects claims 1-7, 15, 17, and 18 drawn to the surgical apparatus illustrated in Figure 3A.

Applicant having fully responded to the examiner's Action and made the required election, early action on the merits of elected claims 1-7, 15, 17, and 18 is now in order.

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